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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of CIA War Plans for First Half
of Calendar Year 1956

REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum to DCI from SA/PC/DCI
dated 22 June 1956, subject:
Review of CIA War Plans for Second
Half of Calendar Year 1955. (TS 143349/Final)
(b) Memorandum to SA/PC/DCI from Assistant to
DD/I (Planning) dated 5 October 1956, same
subject.
(c) Memorandum for DCI (Attention: SA/PC/DCI)
from DD/P dated 28 August 1956, subject:
Semi-Annual Report on Plans and Assets
for War. (TS 146104)
(d) Memorandum for SA/PC/DCI from DD/S dated
14 August 1956, subject: Semi-Annual
Report on Wartime Preparation by the
Elements of DD/S. (ER 8-5697)

(N. B. -- DD/P and DD/S reports of subordinate units are avail-
able if desired from SA/PC/DCI.)

1. This memorandum contains one recommendation for DCI action in
paragraph 4 below.

2. The following highlights of the war planning reports of the
DD/I, DD/P, and DD/S are brought to your attention:

a. DD/I -- The DD/I has reviewed its war plans for currency and
reports no essential changes are necessary. DD/I and DD/P planners
have established close working relationships in the development of
CIA overseas war planning.

The major war planning action in the DD/I area during the
reporting period was the chairing of an IAC working group on the
role of the IAC in wartime. This group's major finding, which was
approved by the IAC, was that war would have little if any effect
on the function of the IAC. Certain actions as a result of the
last Operation Alert are being taken and will be reported on in
the next DD/I war planning report.

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b. DD/P -- DD/P has approved all CIA theater level war plans, i.e. EUR, Middle East, Far East and Pacific areas. DD/P further reports the annexes to these plans and the individual country plans are in varying stages of completion. However, we note considerable progress in the development of these annexes and country plans compared to the last reporting period. The Clandestine Services Global War Plan was approved by the Acting DCI in May 1956. Annexes are being prepared.

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c. DD/S -- DD/S reports that the working relationship between the support offices and DD/P and DD/I has improved and is satisfactory and that the DD/S planning product has been improved to a marked degree. The DD/S semi-annual submission indicates considerable progress in areas of planning which involve the establishment of principles and agreements for wartime support activity. DD/S also reports, on the basis of current concepts, improvement in support activity at the emergency relocation site for headquarters. There are, however, indications that a rethinking of basic concepts in national relocation planning might require important changes in our own planning, and steps are being taken accordingly.

The relationship between the DD/P and DD/S planners seems highly satisfactory. Past difficulties with the lack of firm

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operational support requirements for wartime are being resolved with further development of DD/P plans and coordination of pertinent war planning documents between DD/P and DD/S as well as the further use by DD/S of experience tables relating to materiel.


3. Conclusions of Our Review

a. That hot war planning in the three major components of the Agency is proceeding in an acceptable manner and that, at the moment, the problems brought to light in the separate office reports are not such as to require any major action at this time by the DCI. Insofar as any problems involving more than one of the offices is thought to require DCI attention, it should be brought first to the SA/PC/DCI.

b. That, in view of the state of planning and the relatively small changes in this field which can be affected in so brief a time as six months, future reports to the DCI should be on an annual basis. (You will note that this is also the stated view of the DD/I and our oral conferences with DD/P and DD/S indicate informal agreement of those offices likewise.)

4. Recommendation

That the instruction by the DCI on 2 June 1955 for the submission of war plans reports be amended to indicate that they will be submitted hereafter on an annual basis, the next review to be submitted as of 30 June 1957. (Memorandum for your signature is attached at Tab A.)


Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Coordination

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2-DD/P (copies 7 & 8)
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